

REMARKS

The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. In the previous office action claims 6, 7 and 16 were found allowable if rewritten in independent form. The recognized allowable limitations of claim 6 have been amended into independent claims 1, 11, and 18. The respective claims that either originally contained this limitation or contained limitations contradictory thereto have been cancelled.

The present office action finds 1-4, 7-13 and 16-20 rejected under 35 USC 103(a) for identical reasons presented by the Examiner in the prior action wherein allowable material was found. These rejections have now been utilized to apply to the claims with allowable matter. No explanation is found.

The Applicant believes he understands, however. As the Examiner also rejected 1, 11, and 18 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, it is possible that he is not utilizing the limitations in the rejection above.

As such the Applicant respectfully traverses all rejections and seeks reconsideration. The amended claims were rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph as including new matter "surrounding" and for not enabling "a non-radiolucent cover surrounding said imaging detector bucky". The Applicant seeks reconsideration in light of the following arguments.

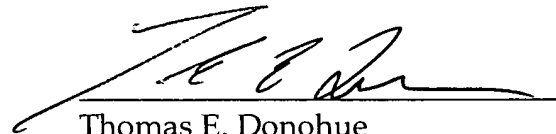
With regard to new matter... the original claim 6 that was found allowable was with identical limitations as those objected to in claims 1, 11 and 18. The Applicant asserts there was no new matter added thusly.

With regard to enablement. The Applicant calls the Examiner's attention to the fact that Figure 3 illustrates a cover surrounding the bucky. The Applicant believes the Examiner's concerns arise from the description of Figure 4 wherein the non-radiolucent cover is merely in communication with the bucky. As in-communication is broader than "surrounding" and would more closely comply with Figure 4 and the specification, the Applicant has respectfully proposed these amendments above and seeks the Examiner's allowance of the previously recognized allowable subject matter.

With this response, it is respectfully submitted that all rejections and objections of record have been overcome and that the case is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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